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DIARY NOTES

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1. [redacted] advised me that it had been agreed that [redacted] should 25X1A9a be transferred to his Staff; Bob Amory, however, wants to retain the grade GS-17 position presently occupied by [redacted] and to be able to fill it. Dick asked me if I would take care of the paper work and I told him that I would. I cautioned him, however, that there would be some problem for Bob in filling the vacancy but that I would work this out with Mr. Dulles or General Cabell. Advised Harry Reynolds of this situation who said that he would consult with me after he had discussed the whole supergrade problem with General Cabell tomorrow.

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2. I talked with General [redacted] about the proposed new PRC Regulation. He said that he did not feel strongly about having authority to approve of projects up to $25,000 and would certainly withdraw his nonconcurrence.

3. In connection with the proposed new PRC Regulation, at the Deputies' Meeting this morning I advised the Director that his instructions of 29 November (which prohibit the DD/A from sending projects and/or programs to the Offices of the General Counsel and the Comptroller) imposed a very serious administrative burden upon me as well as the General Counsel and the Comptroller. He asked that this matter be left to my discretion. It was unanimously agreed and approved by the Director that this was the way it should be handled. 25X1A6a

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4. I talked with [redacted] about [redacted] construction plans [redacted] Asked him to redraft his proposed cable to the field and to prepare a memorandum to the [redacted] clearly setting forth our position with respect to this matter. Briefly, our position should be that we have no objection to the proposed [redacted] installation [redacted] as long as our real estate rights are protected, and that if they are going to undertake a construction program in the near future we would like to participate in their planning in order to coordinate it with our own.

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5. Kirk said that a recommendation would be coming forward in connection with the [redacted] case to settle for $1,000 and strongly recommended that I approve of it. I told him that I would give the matter my immediate consideration as soon as I got the paper.

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6. Interviewed [redacted] in connection with their respective reprimand and admonition which were delivered to them by Mr. Garrison this morning. Emphasized that I felt the disciplinary action taken in this case was mild in relation to the offense committed and that I certainly would not tolerate a repetition of this or similar offenses by either of them in the future.

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7. Gates Lloyd and I met with Messrs. [redacted] and Reynolds to discuss the merger of the Office of the COA/DDP with that of the DD/A. Mr.

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[redacted] stated that Messrs. [redacted] and Wisner would insist that they have one individual to whom they could turn for all support, whether it be by offices under the DD/A or other offices. This appeared to dictate the necessity for the DD/A appointing a senior staff officer to whom the DD/P could turn with any problem. It also makes necessary the coordination of personnel matters within the Office of the DD/P by a DD/A staff officer. Everyone agreed that if this was what the DD/P wanted he should have it.....Mr. Reynolds somewhat reluctantly, I think!

It was recognized that this reorganization might affect the composition of the Office of the DD/A, as well as what is now the Office of the COA/DDP. It was agreed that three teams, consisting of a representative from the Office of the DD/A, one from the Office of the COA/DDP, and a third from the central administrative office concerned, should be formed to study new procedures for personnel and career service, comptroller functions, and logistics functions.

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The two big, over-all problems to be settled will be "support planning" and "personnel." The Commercial Division will come under DD/A jurisdiction intact. Someone to take over the supervision of CAT (which Mr. [redacted] has been handling personally) will be a big problem. Mr. [redacted] suggested that he come up with a proposal as to how we could sort out the other problems such as visual aids, publications control, internal housekeeping, etc. It was also agreed that this whole matter would be closely held until Thursday at which time Mr. Wisner would announce these upcoming changes to his staff.

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